

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: July 5, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Attendees Present:

Erin Donovan – Committee Member
John Powers – Committee Member
Kate Creason – Guest (Dogwood Arts)
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Mike Fowler – Committee Member
Rachel Perkins – Committee Administrator
Susana Esrequis – Committee Member

Approval of the Agenda: Mike moved to approve the agenda. John seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of May Minutes: Mike moved to approve the minutes. Susana seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Third Creek Greenway mural

Liza shared that the \$750 in public art funds approved by the committee to support the mural on Third Creek Greenway was used for the anti-graffiti coating. The colorful mural, which was designed by Roger Peet of the Center for Biological Diversity, was supported by the Parks & Recreation Department's \$2,500 matching grant, in addition the \$750 from the Public Arts Committee. It features the endangered pink mucket mussel and other Tennessee fishes. An unveiling ceremony and celebration will take place on Saturday, July 10 at 2:00 PM at the nearby Tyson Park.

Emporium Center mural vote

Liza shared that the Arts & Culture Alliance issued a Request for Proposals for the wall behind the main gallery in the underground section of The Emporium Center. After careful review, the Arts & Culture Alliance selection committee recommended LC Studio Tutto, two artists based in California. The artists submitted three proposals designed specifically for the wall at The Emporium Center. Liza shared the three designs with the Public Arts Committee for approval and a recommendation of their preferred design. Erin and Susana felt the "Parallel Rhythms" design was too dark for the space. Mike loved the red colors in "Current Past" and John liked

the way the lines play off street levels in “Current Past”. Susana enjoyed the shapes of “Panoramic Perspective”. The committee appreciated elements of all three designs, but felt the vibrant and colorful “Current Past” was best suited for the Emporium. The committee voted to approve the design and the Arts & Culture Alliance will move forward with installation of the mural.

Chilhowee Park mural vote

Liza shared the proposed sketch for the Chilhowee Park mural. The committee appreciated the artist’s revisions and efforts, but encouraged Liza to request a full color rendering and improve elements of the design. Susana suggested that the design could have more elements specific to East Knoxville. Erin felt the design should be more forward looking and also felt the design must reflect East Knoxville. Mike felt the sketch should reflect the festival nature of the park, and not separate elements without a clear link to one another. After some discussion, the committee voted not to approve the design. Liza will work with CETQG and the artist on the suggestions made by the committee and the design will come back to the committee for another vote.

Kroger mural update

Liza informed the committee that the new Kroger being built in Powell off I-75 is working with the Arts & Culture Alliance on a request for proposals for an indoor mural at the new store. The Alliance is coordinating the search and will work with Kroger to identify the winning artist, oversee the artist’s work, and ensure a timely installation. The committee was pleased to hear that Kroger is supporting local artists. Liza asked the committee for feedback on the submitted artist qualifications, and the committee ranked their suggested preferences. Liza will use the committee’s feedback to help the Alliance make a recommendation for three artist finalists who will be selected to design a proposal for the site.

Suttree Landing Park update

Liza shared that she and Rachel visited Suttree Landing Park recently, and stated that the city is hopeful there will be an appropriate location identified for public art at the new park. The city hopes to open the park to the public sometime in the Fall 2016. Liza encouraged the committee to think about using public art funds for the park.

Walk-n-Wander sculptures

Liza shared information with the committee about the Walk-n-Wander sculptures, currently located in Warsaw, Indiana. It is a temporary public art installation featuring painted, life-like sculptures in locations around the city. Liza stated that while she felt the project did not fit with the Public Arts Committee's mission of permanent public art, she suggested the program to Kate Creason as a possible program for Dogwood Arts. Kate will share the information with Dogwood.

Artistic Noise Barriers

Susana shared a collection of images of various noise barriers from around the world that have been artistically designed to make typically sterile barriers more interesting and enliven communities. She hopes the committee will be able to work on large scale projects like this in the future. The committee thanked Susana for her work and also expressed interest in developing similar projects in Knoxville.

Future Meetings:

- A. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 4:00 PM
 - a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art boardroom.
- B. Future meetings:
 - a. September 6, 2016
 - b. October 4, 2016
 - c. November 1, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Absent Members:

Bart Watkins
Chuck Morris
Duane Grieve
Elizabeth Wright
Jeffrey Lockett
Mark Heinz
Sara Pinnell